

Memo

To: Board of Managers
From: Michael Younes, Director of Municipal Operations *MY*
CC: Shana Davis-Cook, Village Manager
Date: 3/6/12
Re: Update on Capital and Infrastructure Upgrade Projects

Below please find an update on the various capital and infrastructure upgrade projects currently in-process and in the planning stage:

Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) Repaving:

- There have been no further updates since last month's report.

PEPCO Wiring Upgrades

- PEPCO has submitted its plans and approval has been granted to upgrade its existing secondary wires were needed.
- In the upgrade areas PEPCO will be using a more ruggedized wire configuration called "triplex". The new wire configuration will help reduce the frequency of localized power outages.
- No Tree pruning or removals are required for this work.
- Upgrades are scheduled from the following locations:
 - Belmont Ave. (in right-of-way)
 - Summerfield Rd. (in right-of-way)
 - Nevada Ave. (in right-of-way)
 - Oxford St. between Broad Branch Rd. and Primrose St. (in right-of-way)
 - Primrose St. between Brookville Rd. and Western Ave. (in right-of-way)
 - Park St. between Belmont Ave. and Kirkside Dr. (in right-of-way)
 - Montgomery St. between Kirkside Dr. and deadend (in right-of-way)
 - Center St. between Kirkside Dr. and deadend (in right-of-way)
 - Grove St. between Kirkside Dr. and deadend (in right-of-way)
 - Oliver St. between Belmont Ave. and Wisconsin Ave. (in right-of-way)
 - Grafton St. between Kirkside Dr. and Cedar Pkwy. (in right-of-way)

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- Grafton St. between Kirkside Dr. and Wisconsin Ave. (in rear yard)
- Hesketh St. between Kirkside Dr. and 136 Hesketh St. (in rear yard)
- W. Lenox St. between Laurel Pkwy. and 11 W. Lenox St. (in right-of-way)
- W. Melrose St. between Connecticut Ave. and 6 W. Melrose St. (in right-of-way)
- Bradley Ln. between Brookville Rd. and Georgia St. (in right-of-way)
- PEPCO is currently awaiting approval from Montgomery County for portions of work that extend into unincorporated Montgomery County.
- PEPCO still anticipates construction to take approximately two (2) months and all work should be completed before the summer storm season.

Street Light Upgrades

- Following the Board authorization at the February regular meeting, I met with PEPCO representatives to review and submit the list of recommended streetlight improvements.
- PEPCO engineering representatives are currently working on our streetlight upgrades and anticipate final design plans will be complete within the next month.
- PEPCO anticipates the upgrades can still be completed before the end of the fiscal year.

Village-wide Sidewalk Replacements:

- Compliments Received: 10
- Complaints Received: 2 (reference Magnolia Parkway slate being removed)
- Village Sidewalk replacement contractor, Capitol Hardscapes, is replacing sidewalks along Magnolia Parkway and Oxford Street.
- Sidewalk replacements on Magnolia Parkway are currently on hold between West Kirke Street and Hesketh Street as we received HPC permits.
- Based on original conversations held with Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff last year. It was communicated to the Village that a "historic area work permit" (HAWP) was only necessary if the sidewalk layout was being changed or a new sidewalk was being installed where one did not exist. After recent discussions with HPC following resident complaints, the Village is now required to obtain a HAWP and is subject to a full Commission hearing.
- All HAWP application paperwork has been submitted and is scheduled to be considered at the Commissions' March 28 meeting.
- HPC staff as indicated that the application is likely to be approved. Once the permit has been approved work will resume on the two (2) remaining blocks on Magnolia Parkway.
- While the permit is being obtained Capitol Hardscapes will be continuing their work along Oxford Street.

Washington Gas Service Replacements

- Washington Gas has submitted a request to replace 75 home gas service lines that are nearing the end of their lifespan.
- As of the date of this report, Village approval for this project has not been granted as Washington Gas is still in the process of making resident notifications.
- I have requested Washington Gas provide me with a list of locations where this work will require a cut in the roadway and a restoration plan.
- Currently, Washington Gas does not have a time table for the work; however, it would be completed within the next year.

Wisconsin Avenue Sidewalk

- SHA has received the plans from their engineers and is in the process of received Maryland Department of Environment approval for storm water runoff controls. SHA anticipates approval by March 23.
- A second public meeting will be held in April to discuss the updated plans and schedule for construction. As soon as a date is established I will advise the Board and surrounding residents.
- The sidewalk construction would be fully funded by SHA.
- SHA anticipates construction on the sidewalk could begin as early as the late spring or early summer 2012.

WSSC Water Main Replacements:

- There have been no further updates since last month's report.